The Humble PROPOSAL *of* GILBERT MALKIN *and* P. B.
For making England *Flouriſhing and Happy.*

THe Poor's Rates, as now Eſtabliſhed, may be Computed to be Three hundred thouſand Pounds *per Annum*, which may be Setled for One hundred Years as a Fund, to be under the Regulation and Government of whom the Parliament think fit, and the Governours may have certain Salaries, and iſſue out Bills of Credit (none to be under 5 *s.* or above 20 *l.*) to the value of Thirty Millions, which Bills of Credit, may by the Sanction of a Law, be Currant in all Payments, *&c.* and may be Diſpoſed of, as followeth;

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Nine Millions to Purchaſe a Real Eſtate in Land, for the Uſe of the Poor——	9000000
Four Millions to be Laid out in Building ſo many Houſes, as ſhall be thought Sufficient and Neceſſary for Employing the Poor of all Cities, Counties, Towns, and Pariſhes; and Laying in a Stock of Wooll, Hemp, Flax, and other *Engliſh* Manufactures, to ſet the Poor to work————	4000000
Twelve hundred thouſand Pounds to Pay the Royal-Bank, and Set the Fund for that Intereſt at Liberty————	1200000
Eight hundred thouſand Pounds for Maintenance of the Poor, and Paying Salaries until the Work-houſes can be fitted; and Stock provided, and the Land Bought, which may all be done in two Years————	800000
Fifteen Millions for the Uſe of the Government, which may be paid by ſo much a Year, as ſhall be thought fit————	15000000
Total in Bills——	30000000

The Governours every Year to Pay and Cancel Bills, to the Value of 300000*l.* whereby at the Hundred Years end all the Bills will be Cancell'd.

The Advantages to the Nation by this, are;

Fifteen Millions to the Government, to Eaſe the Nation of Taxes——	15000000
For Land to be purchaſed, which will Maintain the Poor, and Eaſe the Pariſhes ever after————	9000000
In Houſes and Stock, Four Millions————	4000000
The Annual Rents, Iſſues, and Profits of Land, and Stock, beſides a Hundred thouſand Pounds a Year, to Maintain the Poor, that cannot work; and Sixty thouſand Pounds a Year, to Pay the Charge, and Salaries of the Undertaking, will be at leaſt Four hundred thouſand Pounds a Year, which in a hundred Years, amounts to Forty Millions————	40000000
And if the Four hundred thouſand Pounds, be Laid out as it Comes in Yearly, the Product of it at but Two in the Hundred, will, in a Hundred Years, amount to Forty Millions————	40000000
To Pay the Royal Bank, Twelve hundred thouſand Pounds————	1200000
The Advantage to the Nation, will be more than————	109200000

Bills of Credit may be ſo Contriv'd, to be Renewed and made Durable, and be Leſs ſubject to Counterfeiting than Money.

The Poor by this will be well Provided for; Youth Vertuouſly Educated, and kept out of Idleneſs; and there will be neither Beggar, nor any Complaint in our Streets, and all done without any Additional Tax in the ſpace of One hundred Years; and there will be an abatement of all the preſent Tax, at the End of the ſaid Term.

Many other vaſt Benefits will accrew to the Nation, which for brevity ſake are omitted, as the Propoſer can make appear; and they doubt not but they can give Satisfactory Anſwers to all the Objections can be made againſt their *PROPOSALS*.

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